

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polls Open: 7 AM to 7 PM

Nottingham School, 245 Stage Rd

Election day voter registration will be available.

Your election team has been hard at work getting ready for the upcoming election. We learned a lot from the September primary and are putting what we learned into place for November. It is our goal to make the election safe for voters and election workers.

Only those planning to register and/or cast a ballot will be allowed inside the polling area. Please make plans to leave children home; only registered voters will be allowed in the polling area due to the COVID-19 virus. All voters will be greeted at the doors of the school by election workers with hand sanitizer, masks, gloves and ballot privacy folders. Please take a minute to read the outside of the folder while you are in line. Masks are required at all times inside the school. There will be no food or other social gathering after voting. Please exit the building as soon as you finish voting.

Voters unable or unwilling to wear a mask while registering and/or casting a ballot may use the accessible voting process. There will also be a ballot box to deliver completed absentee ballots on election day. Look for signs for the ACCESSIBLE VOTING AREA.

Ballot Clerks will be protected by plexiglass screens when you check in. Please have your ID ready. You will need to hold it up to the screen so they can see it. There will be no handling of ID's by workers. Ballot Clerks will also be giving every voter a pen with their ballot. Voters are welcome to bring their own blue or black pen.

Felt tips are fine but Sharpies are NOT recommended. Please be sure to fill the bubbles in completely!

Absentee Ballots: Must be requested and returned to the Town Clerk by Monday, November 2nd. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 3 PM to 5 PM November

2nd as is required by law. Voters may request absentee ballots, register to vote and return ballots during the Town Clerk's regular hours without an appointment. *Due to COVID-19, absentee ballots may also be returned on election day to the specified ballot box at the Nottingham polls, as referenced above.* Voters that request an absentee ballot can track their ballot on the NH Secretary of State Website. Please check the Nottingham town website for hours and additional information.

The Supervisors of the Checklist are available by appointment on Thursdays from 9 AM to 11 AM and Fridays from 12 PM to 2 PM for new voter registration, name, address and party changes. To register to vote, voters are required to prove IDENTITY, AGE, DOMICILE AND CITIZENSHIP. A voter that is unable to prove any of the requirements may sign an affidavit that is filed with their voter registration. The Supervisors are meeting in Conference Room 2 until further notice. Please check the town website or send an email to soc.nottingham@nottingham-nh.gov for voter registration information.

Respectfully submitted,
Nottingham Election Officers



Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We are located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services are only for Nottingham residents.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month.

New clients by appointment, please. Call 603-679-5209. All calls are confidential.

Nottingham Youth Association

Submitted by Tim Dabrieo

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We were able to pull together a successful softball and baseball season this year, although the look and feel were a little different than seasons in the past. However, the more things change the more they stay the same. As in years past, there was an overwhelming commitment from all of our coaches to keep the focus on helping the players develop and improve upon the fundamentals of the game, promote good sportsmanship and to focus on having fun. We appreciate all of the time all of the other volunteers put in preparing the fields for games, helping with scoring, managing the players in the dugouts and all of the other things you do. We also appreciate how quickly our sponsors were to step up and generously contribute to our organization—it allowed us to provide our teams with uniforms, equipment and help pay our umpires. Without the dedication of our coaches, volunteers, parents and sponsors this season would not have been possible—THANK YOU ALL!

A special thank you to Jon Sebasco, our Baseball Director and Lamprey River Little League president, for putting so much time in prior to and during the season to keep our players and families safe and keep our league in compliance with state health guidelines.

We would also like to congratulate Coach Carl Edin and his Majors team for winning the 2020 Lamprey River League Championship. Three of the top four teams in the finals were Nottingham teams—congratulations to all of the players and coaches!

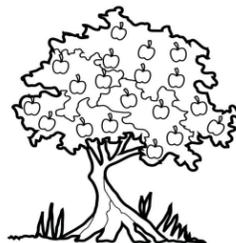
We do not know yet what our basketball season will look like, but we hope we are able to put together something for all of our basketball players in the community. Similar to our softball and baseball season, things may move quickly and change as time goes on—we will do our best to keep you posted. Please follow our Facebook page

(Nottingham Youth Association) for updates on our basketball season as well as softball and baseball winter clinics.

Apples in Nottingham History

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

Though not native to North America, apples have been grown in New England for a long time. It is thought that the first apple orchard was planted around 1624 on Beacon Hill by William Blaxton who settled that area ahead of the Puritans. Many New England settlers grew apples for their own use. Apples could be eaten raw, cooked and juiced. It was also made into cider, often the preferred drink when water supplies were unclear. It is not surprising to learn that many homes in Nottingham had a few apple trees for their own use. What was interesting to learn is that Nottingham had over 150 farmers raising apples as a crop in 1880. The New Hampshire Agricultural Census for that year reports that Nottingham produced 15,791 bushels of apples from 7,382 apple trees and 155 acres of orchard.



Where were these orchards? Apparently, all over town. Bowdoin Neeley had 200 trees near Round Pond which produced 1500 bushels of fruit and the Wheeler Farm on Stevens Hill Road had 200 trees. Jonathan Fogg had 100 trees in West Nottingham. Numerous Tuttle, Garlands and Samuel Priest were among the growers in North Nottingham part of town. Surprisingly even in the rugged rocky lands around Pawtuckaway the Chase and Shaw families grew apples. Samuel Shaw had an acre of 40 trees which produced 200

bushels of apples. In the fall the Shaw's apples were brought to Raymond and sold for \$1 a barrel. Apples are good keepers, so families stored them for use well into the winter. Apple pie is still a tradition for many families for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Here is an apple recipe from the Nottingham Tri-Centennial Cookbook:

Apple Brownies - Barbara Draper

Cream together:

½ C butter or margarine

½ tsp salt

1 C sugar

Add 1 egg beaten. Stir well, then add:

3 medium or 2 large apples, pared and diced

½ C walnut

Sift together and stirring well add:

1 C flour

½ tsp baking powder

½ tsp soda

½ tsp cinnamon

Turn into greased pan, 8x8, bake 40 min at 350. Cool in pan and cut into squares

Great with ice cream on top.

Nottingham Women's Club

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's scarecrow contest! It was our most successful event so far and there's a lot we will carry forward to future years.

A winner will be announced soon and posted on our website: (sites.google.com/view/nottinghamwomensclub/) and Facebook page. We also recently held a mask drive for students and staff at the Nottingham School and we appreciate your support on that as well. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month via Zoom and we always welcome new members. Come meet new neighbors and let's work together to strengthen our community.

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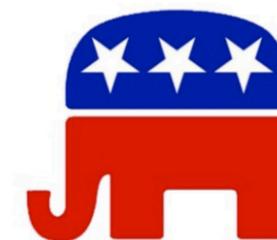
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Nottingham Republican Committee

The GOP Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Nottingham Town Hall in conference room 1. The next few meetings are November 12, December 10 and January 14, 2021.



All Republicans, conservatives, libertarians and independents who value liberty, fiscal responsibility and limited government are encouraged to attend. Come and meet your friendly Republican state representatives.

You can have a voice in state government through your local state representatives who are your neighbors and will listen to your concerns.

We strongly urge you to vote November 3rd. Voting in person is safe and secure and our local election officials have done a good job to make that happen.



Nottingham Community Newsletter

- Kathy Cinfo • Charlotte Fyfe • Mark Peters
- Marie Slozak • Mary Crockett • Amy Mueller-Campbell
- Margaret Joyce • John Bartsch

The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bi-monthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the January/February 2021 newsletter is December 1, 2020. Advertising size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

News articles (word document) and ads (jpg format) should be submitted via e-mail to adnottinghamnews@gmail.com.

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~ Submitted by the Board of Selectmen



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Parks and Recreation Department News

Submitted by Kortney Dorow
recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov

Recreation Office Hours: M to F 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 679-3435 x107

Please make sure to check out our website, Facebook and Instagram page for all up to date programming. We consistently have new programs that are added to our page at various times of the year and we can't always get them into this newsletter.

<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department>

<https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamrecreation/>

2020 Tentative Schedule of Events:

- **December 5,2020** Holiday Parade and Holiday Craft Workshop @ The Community Center
- **More details to come as we are still unsure what changes will need to be made due to COVID-19. Stay tuned!**

Trex recycling update:

Nottingham you have done it again! Thank you so much for supporting us in our recycling adventure. We have another bench being shipped to us because of all the plastic YOU donated. We have given one bench to our Conservation Commission to be placed out on a trail. Our new bench will go out on the Playground at the Community Center. We are excited for spring and can't wait for our community to enjoy it. Our next round will begin on 12/31/2020, but we are still making runs, so keep collecting and keep bringing them in.

Collection Sites: Town Hall and Recycling Center

PARTICIPATION NEEDED!

Calling all business owners and local organizations, we are looking for donations for this year's Holiday Tree

Raffle. A portion of the proceeds will support the Teen Basket initiative during this year's holiday event. This year could look a little different due to COVID-19, but we are excited to offer this cool raffle again.

How it works:

- Decorate a 4-foot tree (or smaller) and provide one "big" item or prize with it.
- Drop off the decorated tree at the Recreation Office the week of Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, 2020
- Trees will be displayed onsite during the Parade OR Virtual – this is TBD.
- Participants will be able to buy raffle tickets online or in person at the Recreation Office. More information will be provided.
- Participants who win, will take home the entire tree and prizes!

Email: recreation@nottingham-nh.gov for more information!

PROGRAMMING

ADULT/SENIOR:

Legacy Leaders – Lunch Deliveries

2020 dates are here, November 18 and December 16, so mark your calendars and spread the word!

If you are not on our senior mailing list and you would like to be added, send us an email. The list is used for Town business only and will not be sold or distributed. We send out postcard reminders so that you can keep track of all the dates!

Teen/Adult Martial Arts

Come join the fun with American Eagle Mixed Martial Arts learning Tae Kwon Do, Boxing, Kicking boxing, Jujitsu and more! Monday and Tuesday Nights 7pm-7:45pm. Contact Brendan Behr for more information: brendan.behr@gmail.com

Line Dancing

When: Monday nights, 6:00 PM for Beginners, 7:00 PM for intermediates

Where: Community Center Kitchen

Cost: \$7.00 drop in fee for the first hour, \$8.00 if you stay for both.

***Sometimes classes are on Thursday nights, please check the town calendar for more information.*

YOUTH:

Martial Arts

Interested in learning Martial Arts? Join Brendan Behr on Monday and Tuesday nights in the Community Center Gym. Classes start at from 5:30 for the beginner class with the intermediate class starting afterward. Ages 5 and up. Contact Brendan for more information: brendan.behr@gmail.com

Counselor in Training

Our CIT program will be offered for five weeks for kids in 7th - 12th grades. Your child will gain knowledge and tips that will aid them in a counselor position. At the end of the five weeks, participants will walk away with a certificate of completion and the option to become CPR certified at the Rec's expense. This course will be taught by our 2020 Summer Camp Supervisor, Mrs. Gina.

When: TBD

Where: The Community Center

Cost: \$100/5 weeks

ALL AGES:

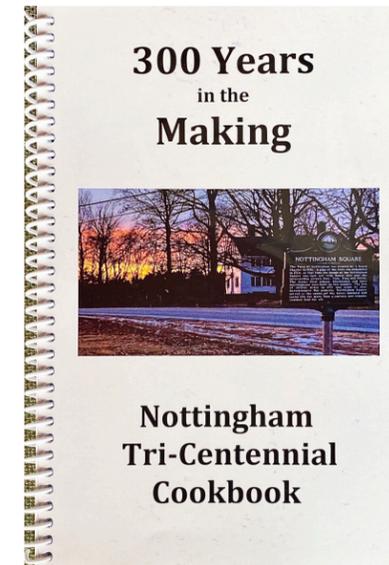
100 Mile Challenge

From October 1st through January 1, 2021 – complete 100 miles by your method of choice and pace! Use the tracking sheet (Print out when you sign up or grab a copy at the Recreation Department Office at the Town Hall) to keep track of your miles. This challenge is free, or you can pay a \$20 fee to receive a winter hat and a chance to win weekly raffle prizes! Sign up on Civic Rec! #Movingpast20.

300 Years in the Making
Nottingham Tricentennial Cookbook
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Over 205 recipes submitted by almost 100 Nottingham residents, 168 pages.

Read about the History of Food in Nottingham starting with Indigenous Peoples through Colonial Times and the Industrial Revolution to the Nottingham Food Pantry of today!



Full of pictures, old sayings, and information! Complete Index. Recipes from Nottingham's four older cookbooks including one from 1896.

- On sale at Demmon's Store, Jenness Farm, Liar's Paradise, and Town Hall (Select Board's office) – cash or check preferred.
- Write to the Tri-Centennial Committee Nottingham300th@gmail.com to purchase a book or obtain instructions for ordering on-line.
- Call 603-942-8539

Submitted by Gwen Friend

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Good day Nottingham,

What a year 2020 has been, a year that many of us would rather forget. The coronavirus has certainly created challenges for our economy, school systems and government functions. We are so proud of our community that fosters the neighbor helping neighbor mentality. We are for sure Nottingham Strong. A special thank you to our town employees for doing their part ensuring everyone's safety and all provisions that have been set by the CDC and the Governor's Executive Orders are carried out. Our teachers and the administrative staff have taken several steps to protect our children and reduce the potential risk of exposure to the virus and flu. Take a moment to thank the staff and teachers when you see them for doing a great job.

A Special note, please be patient with our Town Clerks and what's involved in their position. Our Town Clerks are doing an outstanding job meeting the demand of our residents while adhering to COVID-19 Guidelines. The Town Clerks encourage you to visit their website where most of your questions such as absentee ballots and registrations are answered.

Though it appears that some restrictions are starting to loosen up, let's keep in mind that we are entering the flu season and should take extra caution when we're around others especially those who have underlying conditions as well as our more seasoned residents. If you're sick, stay home, take care of yourself and family, do your part in reducing the spread of the virus or the flu. Be sure to check on your neighbors especially those who live alone. Sometimes just seeing a familiar face makes all the difference.

As many of you may know Police Chief Gunnar Foss has announced his retirement after nearly 34 years of service and dedication to our community. There is no doubt that Chief Foss is Nottingham and our next Police Chief will surely have some big shoes to fill. Please when you see Chief Foss congratulate him on his retirement, he has certainly earned it and deserves it. Chief Foss you will be missed, thank you for your professionalism and dedication to The Town Nottingham.

After 298 years of Town Meeting tradition, Nottingham made a historic vote to be become a SB2 Town Meeting. Gone is the one day where everything is decided and voted on. We now move to a new Town Meeting where there are deliberative sessions to put together and set what the expenditures will be for the upcoming budget. Once the deliberative sessions are done, the final

proposals and warrants are presented to the town residents to be voted on in March. This gives an opportunity for more residents' voices to be heard.

If you have any questions about the SB2 process, the Select Board encourages everyone to look up The SB2 Towns & Schools Annual Meeting (March 2021) Timeline under the Department of Revenue Administration. This is where you find it spells out when the deadlines are to be met for budget, bond hearings and warrant articles. Here is the link to the website: <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/municipal/documents/sb2-timeline-march.pdf>

Another helpful article is from the New Hampshire Municipal Association where questions about making the transitions from Town Meeting to SB2 Town Meeting are answered. Here is the link to the website: <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/town-city-article/transitioning-sb-2-form-town-meeting>

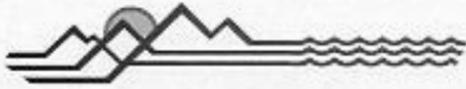
The Select Board remains committed to addressing the Rt. 4 Property and prepping it to be sold so it can be returned to the tax map. We will take a hard look at other properties the town has a well. This is just one of many items that will be addressed in the coming year.

We look forward to seeing what 2021 has in store for our wonderful community of Nottingham. Please take time to celebrate the holiday season with friends and family in a safe manner.

The Select Board is honored and takes great pride in serving our community. We are One Community, we are Nottingham. We look forward to seeing you at the deliberative sessions under SB2.

Thank you.

Ben Bartlett Chairman of BOS
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News from the School Board

The Nottingham School Board meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We have been meeting via Zoom with call in information available for the public in our postings. The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4th. You can also find us on our Nottingham School Board Facebook page and email us at schoolboard@nottingham.k12.nh.us. Agendas, policies, and minutes are available on the Nottingham School website <https://www.nottingham.k12.nh.us>.

Our students returned to school at the start of the year on a hybrid model. We continue to follow CDC and NH DHHS guidelines and review the COVID-19 related data suggested by the state at each of our meetings. More information on guidelines can be found at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>. We are committed to providing an excellent education to all our students while being mindful of providing the safest environment possible.

With that in mind, the School Board approved the installation of an enhanced air purifier system for the central HVAC system at the school. The system is provided by iWave and will treat the air in the entire building, removing pathogens, allergens, and particles in the air. Details about iWave can be found at <https://www.iwaveair.com>. This system represents a long-term investment in improved air quality in addition to addressing concerns related to COVID-19.

We would like to thank Nottingham families for their patience and understanding as we continue to work through the challenges the pandemic has presented. We also thank our outstanding staff and administration for all their efforts on behalf of our students and community school.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.



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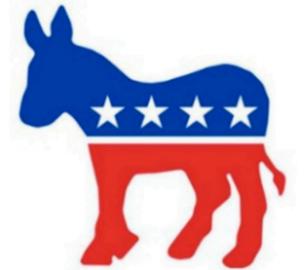
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Nottingham Democrats

Submitted by the Nottingham Democratic Committee

By the time you receive this issue of the Nottingham Newsletter, the long-awaited State and National Elections will be upon us. **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 is ELECTION DAY**

Cast your vote in person at the Nottingham School located at 245 Stage Rd from 7 AM to 7 PM Masks and social distancing required.



Further information about voting appears from our Supervisor of the Checklist elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks to all those officials and volunteers who've worked so hard to make our polling place safe and welcoming for all.

Electioneering rules prevent any candidates or campaigners from approaching, following or calling out to you anywhere in the parking lot or voting area. There is a marked area for candidates and their supporters to hold signs and distribute materials – but only if YOU approach THEM. There may be no harassment, intimidation or disrespect.

Be sure to vote all the way down the ballot, not just for President and Governor. Local elected officials (those names that appear further “down the ballot”) determine an awful lot of our day-to-day lives. Sample ballots are available on our town website. Check them out before heading to the polls!

This year we are lucky to have four honest, hardworking, community minded men and women running as Democratic candidates for four contested State Representative seats. They are Hal Rafter, Richard Boisvert, Avis Rosenfield and Jocelyn Messier. Give them your vote to usher in an era of representation we can be proud of.

Nottingham Democrats, Independents and Undecideds are welcome to join our Zoom meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. If you would like to have a link to upcoming meetings emailed to you, and for any questions or comments, contact us at: HWR-NottDems@comcast.net.

Upcoming meetings: Wednesday, November 11th, 6:30 PM & Wednesday, December 9th, 6:30 PM.

On Facebook, “Like” us at Nottingham NH Democrats.
VOTE BLUE!

Blaisdell Memorial Library

Submitted by Liz Bolton
blaisdelml@comcast.net

The library thanks everyone for their patience and understanding as we try to provide as much library service as possible during this 'new normal'.

Hours:

We are open:
Tuesday/Thursday: 10 AM to 5 PM
Wednesday: 12 to 8 PM
Friday (by appointment only): 10 AM to 2 PM
Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

We offer curbside service only:
Thursday: 5 to 7 PM
Friday: 2 to 5 PM

Please call 679-8484 to reserve computer time or if you have questions about hours.

Children's Services:

With the advent of Fall and Winter, the Children's room has restarted story time in a virtual format and will be providing grab-n-go craft and other kits for in-library or curbside pickup. We are following a rotating schedule:

Week 1: Virtual story time with Ms. Robin
Week 2: LEGO Kit-to-Go (with challenge)
Week 3: Art Exploration Kit-to-Go

Please check www.nottinghamlibrary.org/children/ for additional information as it becomes available.

Teen/Tween/Young Adult:

Yes, Mr. Bunker is hard at work planning and organizing a return of the Blaisdell Library Youth Group. Options for in-library and remote programming are in the works. Please check www.nottingham.library.org/teen-page/ for more information as it becomes available.



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Adults:

Week 4 of our programming calendar will offer an adult craft kit-to-go. Please check our Facebook page and www.nottinghamlibrary.org/monthly-calendar/ for dates.

A local author has graciously offered to do a virtual author talk in late November. Please check our Facebook page and calendar, we will update these with a firm date as we get closer.

The New Hampshire State Library has restarted the Interlibrary loan system and the library is pleased to offer this service to our patrons once again. If you are looking for a book, DVD, or book on CD that we do not own, call, or stop by and we can see if another library is willing to lend.

Liz Bolton
blaisdelml@comcast.net

2022 is Coming Soon

Submitted by the Nottingham Tri-centennial Committee

The Nottingham Tri-centennial committee has been working hard to make plans for the town's 300th celebration. We continue to sell t-shirts, hats, ornaments and cookbooks to help fund the celebration. We now need volunteers to serve on committees for the events we are planning or perhaps an event you would like to have happen. Some of the sub-committees are for children's events, a parade, the encampment weekend and winter carnival.

Please contact the committee at nottingham300th@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about how you can be involved.

New Hope Church

New Hope Church is now open every Sunday at 10 AM. Please come and worship with us. We have masks available at the door if you need one. We also have hand sanitizer if you need it. As we celebrate, we have plenty of room for social distancing. We are a welcoming warm group of Christians and would love to share fellowship with you.

We are located at 139 Raymond Road in Nottingham. If you would like to join us online. We are on Facebook live as New Hope Church Fishers of Men.

Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. Our weekly services are now on Sundays at 9:00 AM on Facebook Live [@nottinghamcommunitychurch](https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamcommunitychurch) led by Interfaith Minister Craig Werth. We look forward to being able to resume in-person gatherings in our historic church building when it is safe for our community to do so, with services returning to 10:00 AM on Sunday when we can gather in person.

Our monthly coffeehouse/open mic night is online on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7 pm. Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com for more information and updates or email Craig Werth at revcraigwerth@gmail.com for pastoral care.

Community Spotlight

Submitted by Charlotte Fyfe

This month's Community Spotlight shines on Elizabeth ("Liz") Bolton...

Q: What do you do?

A: I'm the Director of the Blaisdell Memorial Library, keeping the library running for the citizens of Nottingham. My job includes supervising the staff and helping them turn their ideas into reality; ordering books; program planning;

decorating; climbing under desks to check computer connections; working closely with the Friends of the Library, and much more!

The COVID-19 pandemic created special challenges this year. By instituting "porch side pickup" we barely missed a beat in getting books circulated to library patrons safely. Now that we've reopened, it's my job to stay on top of the everchanging guidelines in order to keep Nottingham residents healthy and reading!

Q: What do you enjoy most about Nottingham?

A: The residents' enthusiasm for books! It's lots of fun learning what people like to read.

Q: What would we find you doing in your free time?

A: Taking walks with my pugs – Disney and Savannah. I also enjoy reading, gardening, and hiking with my husband.




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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." —Matthew 11:28-30
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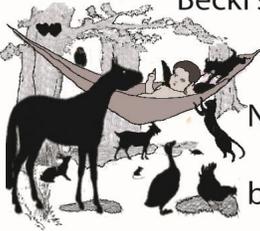


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